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For: Use of polymers comprising thermoplastic polymers as filtration aids and/or stabilising agent

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The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

REMARKS

The references cited in this IDS are:

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References 1. and 2. are written in the English language. Page 6 of the present specification provides the required “concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language.”<sup>1</sup>

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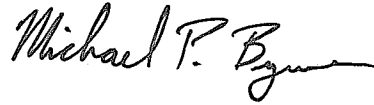
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